

TO GAIN PEACE TEDDY WOULD BEAT GERMANY TO HER KNEES

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Maine, March 30.—There is but one way to get a righteous and lasting peace and that is to beat Germany to her knees, Colonel Roosevelt declared here in a "keynote address" which he delivered before the Maine Republican state convention. Colonel Roosevelt headed as "whole hearted" support which he declared the Republican members of congress had given to the administration in Washington. He decried "mismanagement at Washington" and urged a policy of "permanent preparedness" after the war.

"War is won by brains and steel, not by kid gloves and fine phrases," said the former President in his arraignment of "some of the most important divisions of the government," which he said were "almost chemically pure of efficient organization."

In discussing post bellum readjustments which he declared already have been shown essential to the well-being of the nation, he said: "We cannot afford to tolerate flintlock methods of warfare in time of war or flintlock methods of government for meeting the problems of industry in time of peace. We need new weapons, but we need the old spirit back of the new weapons. The simple governmental processes which sufficed in the days of Washington and even in the days of Lincoln are as utterly inadequate today in peace as the flintlock of Bunker Hill and the smooth-bore muskets of Bull Run would be in war."

Republicans in congress since the entry of the United States into the war have sought to serve their party only by making it serve America," Colonel Roosevelt said in his introductory remarks.

"There have been very grave faults and shortcomings and delays in governmental work. But they were not due to the action of Congress; and the action of the Republicans in congress was consistently designed to correct them."

"We are pledged to the bill as a nation to put this war through without flinching until we win the peace or overwhelming victory. We are pledged to secure for each well-behaved nation the right to control its own destinies and to live undisturbed and unharmed by others so long as it does not harm others."

"This is the people's war. It is not the President's war. It is not congress' war. It is the duty of the Republican party to stand like a rock against inefficiency, incompetence, hesitation and delay no less than against lukewarmness in serving the common cause of ourselves and our allies. To support a public servant who does wrong is as profoundly unpatriotic as to oppose a public servant who does right."

After enumerating German barbarities in Belgium, and the cruelties of Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey, Germany's "vassal states," Colonel Roosevelt said:

"Unless we war on Turkey precisely as we war on Germany, we show that we are insincere when we say that we wish to make the world safe for democracy."

Preparations for a three years' war, the training of an army of 5,000,000 men, preferably through universal military training and the rushing of ship construction were urged by the former President as most vital to the winning of the war.

"All our other activities in making arms, ammunition, airplanes and other war machines can be made to synthesize with this," he said. The speaker sounded a warning against "professional pacifists" who, he said, as "apostles of weakness and folly," would renew their activities when peace is won.

"Friends," he said, "it is not only our duty to be prepared against war. It is, if possible, even more our duty to prepare for peace. And we are almost as unprepared in one respect as the other."

"We cannot afford any longer to continue our present industrial and social system, or rather no system of every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost."

"It is our business as a nation seriously to face our industrial conditions, to realize that we cannot without fully permit them to go on unchanged, and yet that we are worse than fools if we permit them to be changed for evil. Therefore we must shun equally the Bourbon reactionaries who invite disaster by refusing demagogues and loose-minded visionaries who preach a red folly that would bring us to even worse disaster."

"The great Russian commonwealth offers a lamentable example of the effect of vibrating between the tyranny of an autocracy and the tyranny of a mob. If we are wise we shall not permit ourselves to be withheld from a forward movement by the Romanoffs of our own social and industrial system and neither shall we permit ourselves to be plunged into the abyss of fathomless disaster into which we would be plunged if we followed the American Bolsheviks."

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GOVERNMENT'S LAND LOTTERY OPENS VAST TRACT TO SETTLERS

(By Associated Press.)

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., March 30.—In Grand Junction yesterday and in Montrose, Colo., a week from yesterday the United States government through its great land lottery scheme is opened to settlement 12,000 acres of irrigated land which is ready for the plow in two of the prettiest valleys in the Rocky mountains.

Not only is the land ready for the plow of the homesteader, but practically all of it is within four miles of a railroad. Schools have been established, roads laid out and many neighbors already in range on other prosperous farms. There is little of the pioneering necessary which has been true of many other western projects.

The government farms contain 40 to 80 acres each and all are under the two completed reclamation undertakings known as the Grand Junction valley and Uncompaghe projects. Nearly all are level.

Prospective settlers through government order were compelled first to visit the project they were interested in and select the site they

desired. After selecting the site the settler was compelled to execute a water rental application with the project manager—for Grand Junction valley at Grand Junction and for the twin project of Uncompaghe at Montrose, accompanying the application with \$3 per acre for each acre of irrigable land in the unit selected. To be entitled to the drawing at Grand Junction the application had to be made between March 23 and yesterday at 9 a. m.

For the Montrose project application began yesterday and ends April 5 at 9 a. m., the drawing taking place for both in the afternoon.

Successful applicants must present the water right application from the reclamation service to the land office at Montrose within three days after the drawings, where he will file a homestead application and obtain his receipt. Failure to file within three days will forfeit the applicant's rights and all payments made will entitle the next applicant for this particular farm to make filing. Unsuccessful applicants will have their payments refunded immediately.

The first payment is required for water rental and entitles the entryman to two acre feet of water free each year for three years. Additional water may be had at prices set each year. For 1918 the price has been fixed at 50 cents per acre foot.

By renting water in this manner the government not only encourages quick cultivation, but defers for three years the building charge for the project which has not yet been announced and also thus allows the settler to use his capital in developing his land.

The government believes each applicant should possess at least \$1,500 to be fully assured success, and with this amount it seems certain for similar lands in the same projects last year returned from \$44 per acre in Grand Valley to \$58 in Uncompaghe. Maximum returns exceeding \$100 per acre were reported from some of the farms on which it is possible to grow most any fruit or vegetable with the exception of citrus and other tropical or semi-tropical fruits.

CLIMBS TREE TO EVADE WOLF PACK

(By Associated Press.)

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., March 30.—Wolves, numerous and bold, prowl the hills around the Skeena estuary this spring. Not in years have the creatures been seen so frequently. They are not coyotes; they are real gray wolves of the north, and to venture far into the woods without a gun and plenty of cartridges is to run the gravest kind of a risk.

There are new settlements on the islands and along the mainland served by the new Transcontinental but the presence of human beings, instead of scaring the animals, seems to have the precisely opposite effect. Almost within sight of the buildings of Haysport, Tyoe and other small villages they are seen skulking from time to time, drawn possibly by the refuse from the fishing industry.

A Haysport man who was chased by wolves owes his life to his agility and endurance. Confronted by a wolf he shouted and threw rocks but the bluff failed. He was unarmed and started to run for home, the wolf on his trail. Presently a pack was in pursuit and the man had to climb trees, make quick dashes a few rods forward, flounder through deep snow—finally reaching safety on the point of exhaustion.

Scores of deer, pursued by the packs, have come from the higher altitudes, with the result that along the Skeena "the woods are full of them."

Desert Queen Rebekah Lodge dance and card party April 16.

RAIN OR SHINE SOLDIERS DRILL

(By Associated Press.)

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., March 30.—No one minds the rain at Camp Lewis—not now. They did at first. They came with their rubbers and raincoats and umbrellas but they quickly discarded them and they are just as much at home in a steady shower as the eastern visitor is in Southern California.

Rain or shine, the soldiers at camp go on with their drill just the same whether it is on the parade ground, on the range or in the trenches. The weather can't be made to suit them when they get into action in France and they are taking it as it comes here.

But they had to learn that rain doesn't hurt one. "It's a dry rain," is the way the natives term it. "It isn't so bad when you're used to it," is the mild compliment paid by the acclimated men. It moistens the lungs and dries so quickly there is little inconvenience in getting wet. There is lots of rain, but the general health of the men is better here than in civil life and that rather shows that a little rain doesn't hurt anyone.

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RUSSIANS FEAR FOR SAFETY OF KORAN WRITTEN 1200 YEARS AGO

(By Associated Press.)

PETROGRAD, March 30.—According to one of the latest decrees of the Workmen's and Peasants' government the Holy Koran of Osman, at present held by the state public library, is to be handed over to the Moslem national organizations.

This great rarity, which is beyond all price, was rescued at the storming of Samarkand and was handed over to the care of the library by the first Tukestan governor-general, Kaufmann, in the year 1869. The Koran is written in the Arabian language in so-called cufic characters, without periods and commas. The parchment manuscript was kept in the Samarkand mosque, Chodja-Ashara.

According to a legend current among Musselmans, the Koran was written by Mahomet's brother-in-law, the brother-in-law, Osman, was afterwards killed in his palace by

the insurgent populace as he was reading the Koran and to this day traces like disclosed bloodstains, may be seen on the book. The Koran is estimated to be 1200 years old. Experts of eastern script look upon the Koran as one of the treasures of the once famous library collected in Samarkand by the victorious Tamerlane.

In Petrograd the Koran has been the object of many pilgrimages. From all parts of the Moslem world the faithful come to worship it. The public library guarded it carefully but did all in its power to satisfy the Moslem pilgrims.

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SPRUCE INDUSTRY GROWING LARGER

(By Associated Press.)

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., March 30.—Trainloads of spruce are leaving Prince Rupert regularly for the east. The handling of spruce at this port is an industry that is becoming more important each month. By summer, when the mills now under construction on the Queen Charlotte Islands are completed, the quantity of lumber transferred here will be increased largely over present shipments.

Grand Trunk Pacific steamers have already landed millions of feet of spruce. New mills are going up along the railway between Prince Rupert and Jasper. Considerable quantities of wood for use in the manufacture of pianos has been shipped to Toronto this spring from the Queen Charlotte Islands.

The activity in the territory around Prince Rupert much of which is closely allied to the lumber industry, is reflected in the affairs of the city, and business conditions are healthy.

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